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### The GOI's Final Veterinary Certificate for the Import of Hides and Skins Revised

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**Report Highlights:**

On June 9, 2009, the Ministry of Agriculture released a revised veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins on its official website. This revised import protocol is the final veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins and has been officially implemented, effective June 9, 2009.

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), posted on its website an amendment to the final veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins into India. The revised veterinary certificate is currently effective and is the final veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins into India.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on an initial review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or on its implications for U.S. agricultural exports to India.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Date of notification on**  
June 9, 2009

**Effective Date:** June 9, 2009

Hides and skins of cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, horse and camel.

**Agency in charge:** Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries,  
Ministry of Agriculture

### **Background:**

On April 19, 2009, the Ministry of Agriculture released a veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins on its website:

<http://dahd.nic.in/trade/VeternarySkinHides19032009.pdf> .

Earlier notifications related to import regulations for various categories of raw hides and skins can be reviewed via IN8033, IN8060, IN8071, IN8122, IN8134, IN8142, IN9009, IN9018, IN9042, and IN9057.

### **Major Changes:**

On June 9, 2009, the Ministry released a revised and final version of the veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins into India. The June 9, 2009 veterinary certificate is a final certificate with minor changes from the April 19, 2009 certificate except that the following condition 'Hides and skins have been obtained from the animals which were slaughtered in the country of origin' has not been included in the final, revised certificate.

The text details of the revised veterinary certificate can be accessed at:  
<http://www.dahd.nic.in/> . Please also find the text of the revised veterinary certificate attached along with this report.

### **Comments:**

The DADF has released the revised version of the final veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins on its website. However, no official Gazette notification has been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture. The veterinary certificate has been posted on the DADF website as a source of immediate information for concerned exporters/importers of hides and skins. The DADF will also release the new veterinary certificate through an official gazette notification. On April 19, 2009, the Ministry released the final certificate for the import of hides and skins, which was implemented on June 1, 2009. The revised version of the final import protocol was released on June 9, 2009 and has replaced the April 19, 2009 certificate. Therefore, all imports of hides and skins will now have to comply with the revised (June 9, 2009) certificate requirements.

The websites are mentioned for readers' convenience; USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained in the above websites.

## Veterinary Certificate for import of hides and skins into India

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTATION

1. Consignor (name and address in full)	2. Health certificate No.: _____ Date: _____
3. Consignee (name and address in full)	4. Species of Skin/Hide: (Cattle/Buffalo/Sheep/goat/horse/camel) 4.1 Country of origin .....
5. Competent Authority 5.1 Ministry: 5.2 Department:	6. Place of loading
7. Quantity ( in words and figures) 7.1 Number of packages 7.2 Identification of marks 7.3 Net Weight	8. Mode of Transport:
9. Address of the establishment of origin	10. Designation: (Name and address in full)
11. Consignment identification details (including any container seal numbers):	

### II. Sanitary Information

The undersigned Official Veterinarian certifies that the products described in item 4 on the General Information for import above satisfy the following requirements:

1. The skins and hides originate from the animals, which come from the establishments, which is not placed under quarantine (on account of) for anthrax control.
2. The skins and hides originate from the animals showing no clinical sign of anthrax during ante and post mortem inspection by the official veterinarian.

3. If sourced from sheep and goats, the hides and skins

- (i) come from animals which have not kept in sheep pox and goat pox infected zone  
or
- (ii) have been processed to ensure the destruction of sheep pox and goat pox virus, in premises controlled and approved by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting Country.

4. The skins and hides have been processed by one of the following treatments:-

chemically treating/liming in acidic or alkaline solutions soaking, with agitation in a 4% (w/v) solution of washing soda (Sodium carbonate –  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) maintained at pH 11.5 or above for at least 48 hours)/formic acid solution (100 Kg salt Sodium Chloride –  $\text{NaCl}$ ) and 12 Kg formic acid per 1,000 liters water) maintained at below pH 3.0 for at least 48 hours.

or

the skins and hides have been treated for at least 28 days with sea salt Sodium Chloride) containing 2% washing soda (Sodium Carbonate -  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ )

or

gamma radiation at a dose of at least 20 Kilo Gray at room temperature (20 degree or higher).

5. Necessary precautions were taken, after collection and processing, to avoid contact of products with any potential source of infection.

6. The skins and hides after treatment has been packed with new, clean, fresh packing materials and the same satisfies the necessary sanitary hygiene requirements.

Official Stamp:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Veterinarian

Issued at ----- on -----

### Post import Requirements

On arrival into India,

- i) the consignment and the documents will be examined by the Regional Officer/Quarantine Officer;
- ii) the samples from the imported item will be taken for examination;
- iii) in case the documents are not conforming to the requirements, appropriate action shall be taken by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India at the cost of the importing agency.